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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 29 June 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Amory, Helms, Kirkpatrick, Colonel White,

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that in several recent instances papers sent to him from the DD/P area had been overclassified and asked Mr. Helms to look into this. (NOTE: Two cases in point were - a memorandum concerning [redacted] [redacted], and a memorandum prepared by EE quoting newspaper articles alleging that the Director "personally directed the current East Berlin riots".)

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b. Briefly discussed his memorandum to the Under Secretary of State, dated 27 June 1953, concerning a [redacted] operation and asked that a copy of this memorandum be sent to Mr. Helms. (This has been done.) The Director also asked that Mr. Helms advise General Truscott for his "own personal information" that we had suggested to State that they take up this operation with Dr. Conant.

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c. Asked Mr. [redacted] to have Colonel Grogan restore the system of daily press clipping notebooks, which will be sent to the Director, his Deputies and the Inspector General. The DCI noted that he only wished to see clippings pertaining to CIA, any of its principal officers, and any items dealing with the intelligence community as a whole. Colonel Grogan has been notified.

d. Noted that we "owed" briefings to Ambassadors Strong, Gardner and Guggenheim, and indicated his wish to briefly see them prior to their departure. Mr. Helms undertook to arrange the necessary briefings and ask the appropriate Division Chiefs to set up the appointments with the Director.

Colonel White:

a. Briefly discussed information just received pertaining to the action taken by Congressman Taber's Committee on the CIA budget, and noted in particular that objection has been raised to the increase in personnel for Fiscal '54 over '53 employment figures. After some discussion, Colonel White undertook to get in touch with the Bureau of the Budget and determine their views on the actual personnel allotment for Fiscal '54.

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Mr. Helms:

Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted]

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Mr. Helms (Continued):

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[redacted] wish to see the Director when he visits this country. The DCI said he had seen this cable and advised the Acting Chief/SE that he would do this. (NOTE: Acting Chief/SE is preparing an appropriate reply [redacted])

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